ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

GILLIAM SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

New Canaan Church, Cullman County,

OCTOBER. 13, 14 AND 15, 1899.

OFFICERS:

M. K. TAYLOR, MODERATOR.....ARAB, ALA.
R J. RIDDLE, CLERK AND TREASURER .....ARAB, ALA.

Next Session to meet with New Friendship Church, Marshall County, on Friday before 3rd Sunday in October, 1900

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MINUTES.

The Gilliam Springs Association met according to appointment, October 13, 1899, with New Canaan Church, in Cullman county, Ala.

An introductory serman was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Blankenship—Text, Zach. 13th chapter and 1st verse.

Adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

Association called to order by former Moderator, M. K. Taylor R. J. Riddle was appointed clerk, pro tem. Moderator then held devotional exercises by reading the eighty-fifth Psalm and prayer.

Bros J. S. Phillips and J. F. Campson were appointed to collect letters from the different churches. Bros. N. P. Clark and J. G Johnson were appointed to read the letters. Letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Corinth—J. J. Hooton, W. J. Stanley and J. T. King.

New Friendship—J. W. Jones and J. E. Owens.

Gilliam Springs—J G. Kelley and T. J. Williams.

Rescue—Samuel Ditto.

New Cannan—(Morgan county)—J. J. Thomas, W. F. Cryer.

Shoal Creek—W. J. Wright, M. K. Taylor, N. P. Clark, R. J. Riddle, J. E Bagwell and H. L. Forrester.

Duke's Chapel—James Hopkins.

Mt. Tabor—J. M. Black and F. Waters.

New Salem—J. R. Light and J. A. Briscoe.

Mt. Chrmel—J. S. Phillips, Pat H. Duett and L D. Eubank.

Union Grove—(Marshall county)—E. A. York, Jas. M. Thompson, J. O. Johnson and T S. Nelmes.

Bethlehem—John Terril, W. T. Oaks, Jake Dunn and Thos. Black.

New Canaan—(Cullman count)—J. B. McWhorton, A. L. Banister, W. Holloway, D. F. Watwood and J. N. Brown.

Officers were then elected as follows:

M. K. Taylor, Moderator; R. J. Riddle, Clerk and Treasurer.

Called for correspondence from other Associations and received Elder P. J. Corley and J. A. Oden from the Marshall, and Rev. J. A. Blankingship from the Muscle Shoals. Also invited all visiting ministers to seats in our body and received

Bro. J. E. Cameron and Rev. J W. H. Kennedy and Bro. Maze, in the Gillian Association, and Bro. T. J. League, from the, mission field from China.

Called for petitionary letters. and received letters and messengers from churches as follows: Warrior Creek—Wm. Maze J A. Fortenberg. Roswell Creek—N A. Teague, J. W. Barnett; these two churches having been previously attached with the Marshall Association, and coming without any letters from same, it was agreed to receive them and notify the Marshall of the same. Then the Moderator extended to the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Appointed committees as follows:

On Devotion—H. L. Forrester, F. W. Walters, John Jones, with deacons and pastor of this church.

On Missions—J. O Johnson, J. S. Phillips.

On Sabbath Schools—N. P. Clark and E. A. York.

On Finance—J. J. Hooton, J. J. Thomas.

On Temperance—Pat. H. Duett, W. T. Oaks.

Then heard report from Devotional Committee as follows: Preaching to-night by Rev. J A. Oden; P. J. Corley to conclude. Bro. W. T. Oaks, to-morrow at 11; J. S. Phillip to conclude.

On Invitations—J. W. Jones and T. J. Williamson.

On Eduction—J. A. Briscoe and W. J. Wright.

On Treasurer's Report—L D. Eubank, J. G. Kelly.

On motion re-instated Committee on Documents and appointed Samuel Ditto and N. P. Clark.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 14.

Association met according to adjournment at 8:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Moderator. Reading the second Psalm. Prayer by Elder Corley.

Read and adopted minutes of yesterday. Called for reading Constitution and Rules of Decorum, and there being no minute present with same in it, this was omitted Then called for report from Executive Committee, the report was as follows:

We beg to report that we made an effort to get the State Evangelist in our Association, but failed. Then we got Bro. M. K. Taylor and Bro. J E Bagwell to preach in some few places, what time they could spare, and as our means were limited, we could not do much on this line, though we think for the time they did spend, there was some lasting good accomplished, and we paid them for their services as follows: Bro Bagwell, four days, $4.00; Bro. Taylor, six days, $7.50 Adopted

R. J. Riddle, Chairman.

Then the following correspondents were appointed the in different Associations:

To the Marshall—M. K Taylor, R J. Riddle and W J.

Wright. To the Cullman—J E. Bagwell, J. S. Phillips, John H Kennedy. To Muscle Shoals—W. T. Oaks.

Then called for and heard report from Treasurer as follows;

To am't received at the Association, Oct. 1898	$17 74
Received from former Clerk	20 43
" collection at union meeting in May, 1899	3 42
Total am't received	$41 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

By am't paid to Bro. Ditto	$ 2 50
" " " Bledsoe	12 70
" " " W. J. Briscoe	5 00
" " " J. E. Bagwell	4 00
" " " M. K. Taylor	7 50
" " for postage	36
Yet on hand	9 53
Total	$41 59

R. J. RIDDLE. Treasurer.

Elected Executive Committee for next Associational year as follows: N. P. Clark, J. O Johnson and J. J. Hooton

Elected the following delegates to State Convention: Rev. W. K. Taylor and S. J. Phillips.

Appointed district meetings as follows: First district to meet with Shoal Creek on Friday before fifth Sunday in December, 1899 Second district to meet with Bethlehem church on Friday before first fifth Sunday in 1900. N. P. Clark and J. O. Johnson were appointed a committee to arrange programs for these meetings.

Then adjourned 15 minutes for preaching 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. W. T Oaks, from text Psalms 8th and 4th. Concluded by J. S Phillips.

AFTERNOON.

Called to order at 1:30 p m. Devotional exercises held by Bro. J. A. Oden Then heard report from Committee on Missions as follows: We beg to report that seeing the necessity for furtherance of the Gospel, let us come to the front as Missionary Baptists and prove our faith by our works, for we are indebted both to the Gentiles and Barbarians—both to the wise and unwise—therefore we should adopt some system that we may relieve ourselves of this debt. We are commanded to honor God with our substance, and that the first fruits—for we owe our lives and all we have to him. Then let us bestir ourselves and do what we can in carrying out the command: "Go teach all nations;" we find many examples in the Bible teaching us our duty on this line of giving for missions. Christ sent forth Titus that he might gather together their contributions that they might have all ready when Paul came, who was also sent by the

churches to preach to the Gentiles, in the regions beyond; therefore we would recommend that each church, and every member, adopt what is known as the patch system, that if no more, a small patch be set apart for the Lord's work We urge all our preachers to use their influence to try to get their churches to adopt this system if we cannot do any more.

J S. Phillips, Chairman.

After some enthusiastic speeches by Bro. Phillips and Bro. League, missionary from China, the report was adopted. Then a collection was taken up for missions and got $5.61.

Next heard report from Finance Committee, and find there was only $35.17 sent up to the Association for all purposes.

Next heard report from Committee on Documents as follows:

Your committee beg to report that after examining the letters from the several churches, we find eight churches reporting good meetings with from one to twenty-nine additions, and we find those that report the greatest revivals are churches that have a good Sunday school. Also we find that the churches which have a good Sunday school are the churches that send up the largest amounts for missions. We find, while some of our churches are building up, others are on the decline to the same extent. We do not find any special request sent up from any of the churches. We would urge upon all the churches to make greater progress another year, and hope they will all bring up good reports of Sunday schools and large contributions at the next session. Adopted.

W. P. Clark,
Samuel Ditto,
Committee.

Next heard report on education:

We beg to report that we find the interest in education on the increase with our people to some extent. They are building better school houses. We would recommend that we make greater efforts than ever on this line. And we recommend further, that our ministry use all their efforts to obtain all the education they can, and that all our people lend them a helping hand to this end. Also, we urge that, as much as possible, we employ Christian teachers to teach in all our schools We further recommend any and all our denominational institutions for the higher education of our children.

J. A Briscoe,
W. J. Wright,
Committee.

Next heard report on Publications, as follows:

We beg to report that we find our people are not reading our denominational literatuse as much they ought. Therefore we recommend that our Sunday schools use the literature published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.,. Also, we

recommend the Alabama Baptist as our denominational paper, and above all read the Bible and study carefully its contents, for in it we learn of Jesus, who is able to save to the uttermost all who will come to him. Adopted

J. M. Black,
W. A. Teague,
Committee.

It was moved and carried to add the collections to the Domestic Mission fund

Next heard the report from Committee on Treasurer's Report:

We find by examination the report of the Treasurer to be correct, and there remains in the Treasurer's hands $9.53 Adopted.

L. D. Eubank,
J. G. Kelly,
Committee.

Next heard report from Committee on Nominations, as follows:

That the next session of this body will meet with New Friendship church on Friday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1900, the introductory sermon to be preached by J. S. Phillips; alternate, W. J. Wright. The mission sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock, by M. K. Taylor; alternate, J. W. Bowling. Sunday school lecture on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by J. O. Johnson; alternate, N. P. Clark.

T. J. Williamson,
J. W. Jones,
Committee.

Then heard the following resolution:

Resolved, That we tender our gratitude to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality to us while with them. Adopted.

R. J. Riddle.

It was then moved and carried that the Clerk have a sufficient amount of minutes printed with the small amount of funds, and he to have what was over, if any, for his services.

Then heard report from Committee on Devotion, as follows.

Preaching to night at Bro. Jas. Feemeter's by Bro. Pat. H. Duett and J. S. Phillips. Also, at the church, to-night, by Rev. J. S. Bagwell and W. J. Wright; Bro. League to preach at Arab to-night, and on to morrow at 11 o'clock Bro. League to preach, and M. K. Taylor to conclude.

J. E. Cameron, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 15.

Called to order at 9 o'clock by Moderator. Opened by reading 2d chap. Philippians. Prayer by Bro. P. H. Duett. Read and adopted minutes of yesterday. Then heard report from Committee on Temperance, as follows:

We beg to report that we believe, from general observation,

that intemperance is the greatest evil of the day now existing in our country. Therefore we think it an imperative duty of all Christian people to bring every influence to bear in a Christian way to help suppress this great evil; and especially they should totally abstain themselves from the habit of drink, and let our light shine before the world. May God help us to do this.

P. H. DUETT,
W. T. OAKS,
Committee.

After some very interesting speeches on this subject and a rising vote, which was almost unanimous, on these recommendations. The report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Whereas, we find that, through the mercy of God, none of our preachers have died in our Association since we last met.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we suspend the regular order of business, and spend a few moments in prayer to the great Giver of all good for His goodness toward us.

R. J. RIDDLE.

The prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Cameron

Then heard the following report from Committee on Sunday Schools:

We beg to report as follows: From the best information we have we find the Sunday school cause at a low ebb. Sorry to find only five or six churches in our bounds that have any Sunday school at all. Brethren, is this carrying out the divine injunction, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? We do not wonder that the mission cause is suffering and that Mormonism and other isms are invading our country. So let us bestir ourselves and pray God that He may create in every church a spirit of Sunday school work. We appeal to every church in this Association to try to have a good Sunday school another year.

N. P. CLARK, Chairman.

After some good speeches on the report the same was adopted.

Adjourned for fifteen minutes, then came together for preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. T. J. League, missionary from China, from text, John 10, 16; 2nd Peter, 3rd chap., 8 9 verses. After which another collection was taken up which amounted to $5.63, making in all $11.24 public collections. Then the Association adjourned to meet with New Friendship church on Friday before third Sunday in October, 1900.

M. K. TAYLOR, Moderator.

R. J. RIDDLE, Clerk.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Domestic Missions	Home Missions.	State Missions	Orphan's Home.	Foreign Missions.	Minutes.
Union Grove	$2 00			$ 2 05		$1 00
New Friendship				1 65		50
Shoal Creek	5 82			2 00		1 00
New Canaan			$ 50			85
Roswell Creek		$ 75				50
Corinth	1 25					80
Rescue						65
Duke's Chapel						25
Mt. Carmel	1 70					1 00
Warrior Creek						50
Gilliam Springs					$ 65	50
Mt. Tabor						85
New Canaan	1 00			40	25	1 00
New Salem	3 00					65
Bethlehem	1 00					1 00
Totals	$15 77	$ 75	$ 50	$ 6 10	$ 90	11 15

RECAPITULATION.

For Domestic Missions	$15 77
For Home Missions	75
For State Missions	50
For Orphan's Home	6 10
For Foreign Missions	90
Saturday and Sunday Collections	11 24
Amount on hand from 1898	9 53
Minute Fund	11 15
Grand Total	$55 94

ORDAINED MINISTERS, WITH THEIR P. O.

John M. Simpson ..... Somerville, Ala.
M. K. Taylor ..... Arab, Ala.
J. W. Bawling ..... Getup, Ala.
J. S. Phillips ..... Warrenton, Ala.
J. E. Cameron ..... Grassy, Ala
J. W. H. Kennedy ..... Arab, Ala.
Samuel Ditto ..... Getup, Ala.
W. J. Wright ..... Arab, Ala.
John E Bagwell ..... Arab, Ala.

LICENTIATES

W. T. Oaks ..... Lacy Springs, Ala.
W. H. Kay ..... Lacy Springs, Ala.
Pat. H Duett ..... Warrenton, Ala.
B. Maze ..... Stringer, Ala.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COUNTIES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	INC. By Baptism	INC. By Letter	INC. Restored	DEC. By Letter	DEC. Excision	DEC. Deaths	Total Membership	Days of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	No of S. S. Pupils	SUPEPINTENDENTS
Gilliam Springs	P. J. Weaver	Marshall	J. G. Kelly	Arab	2	2	1	7	3	1	55	1				
Mt. Carmel	J. S Phillips	"	D. D. Morrow	Warrenton	3	4		2	13	1	99	1	1	1	45	L. D. Eubank
Mt. Tabor	W.T.Oaks, S.Ditto	"	J. M. Black, Sr	Getup			4	4		1	80	1 3				
Corinth	J. E. Bagwell	Cullman	J. T. King	Joppa	13	7		1	1	1	71	3				
Union Grove	M. K. Taylor	Marshall	J. O. Johnson	Union Grove	19	11		4	2	4	146	2			50	H. F. Duett
Shoal Creek	M. K. Taylor	"	H. L. Forrester	Arab	9	11	1	4	2		95	1	3		105	R. J. Riddle
New Canaan	J. A. Perkins	Morgan	W. F. Cryer	Wolff	3	1			13		46	3				
New Friendship	J. E. Cameron	Marshall	J. F Hughes	Gassy	5	1	1	5	1		65	4	1	2		
Bethlehem		Morgan	L. Lipscomb	Lacy Springs	17	1	1		1	1	127	1		1	45	W. H. Kay
New Canaan	J. E. Cameron	Marshall	C. T. Lambert	Arab	3	1				1	81	3	1		40	C. T. Lambert
New Salem	W. J. Wright	"	J. A. Briscoe	Center Grove				11	1		63	2				
Rescue	W. T. Oaks	Morgan	A. J. Black	Getup		1		7			13	2	1			
Warrior Creek	J. A. Oden	Blount	J. A. Fortenberry	Strawberry							13	2				
Dukes Chapel	Samuel Ditto	Morgan	W. S. Hopkins	Getup	1			4	1		7					
Roswell Creek	J. A. Oden	Blount	W. A. Teague	Summit	5	4		2		1	26	1		1	30	Rev. J. Scott
Beech Springs											190					
Grand Total					80	44	8	51	38	11	1177		7	5	315	

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Called and read letters from different churches.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite all visiting members to seats.
4. Call for and receive correspondents from other Associations.
5. Call for petitionary letters from churches.
6. Appoint standing committees as follows: On Devotion, Missions, Sabbath Schools, Finance, Temperance, Education, Publications, Documents, Nominations, Treasurer's Report.
7. Read Constitution and Rules.
8. Call for Reports. 1st. From Executive Committee. 2nd. From Treasurer.
9. Appoint Correspondents to other Associations.
10. Elect Executive Committee.
11. Elect Delegates to State Convention.
12. Appoint District Meetings.
13. Call for and hear Reports from all Outstanding Committees.
13. Provide for Printing and Distributing of Minutes.